



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Kunihiko MIWA, Takuji  
MATSUSHIBA, and Kazuyoshi  
TANAKA

Serial No.: 09/439,264

Filed: November 12, 1999

Atty. File No.: JA9-98-171

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR CONTROLLING DIGITAL  
DATA"

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified application, through its attorney, respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2002, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from the first deadline October 10, 2002 to the date of November 10, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

11/18/2002 AAD0F01 00000063 09439264

01 FC:1251

110.00 OP

**RECEIVED**

NOV 19 2002

**GROUP 3600**

Date: 11/7/02  
3009085\_1.DOC

) Art Unit: 3621

) Examiner: Backer, Firmin

) Confirmation No.: 1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b></p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 ON <u>Nov. 7, 2002</u></p> <p align="right">HOLLAND &amp; HART LLP</p> <p>BY: <u>[Signature]</u></p>
---

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLAND & HART LLP

By: [Signature]  
Francis A. Sirr, Esq.  
Registration No. 17,265  
P.O. Box 8749  
Denver, Colorado 80201-8749  
(303) 473-2700, x2731